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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7534**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1964

**DATE PREPARED:** Mar 5, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:** Mar 5, 2001

**SUBJECT:** Sex Offender Registry.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) *Sex Offender Registry*- This bill requires that a recent photograph and home address of a person convicted of certain sex offenses and other crimes be included in publications of the Sex and Violent Offender Registry (Registry). It requires that a photograph of the offender be included on the Internet site maintained by the Criminal Justice Institute (Institute).

*Local Registration*- It provides that if required by the Institute, a local law enforcement authority shall submit to the Institute a photograph of the offender. It requires that the offender shall incur the cost of providing the photograph to the local law enforcement authority.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) *Sex Offender Registry*- The Institute would experience an increase in expenses due to this provision of the bill.

Under current Indiana law, the Institute is not required to publish on the Registry: 1) a recent photograph of the offender; or 2) the home address of the offender. The Institute would be required to do so in light of this bill. (Currently, the Institute publishes the name and offense of the offender, as well as other related items.)

In order to provide a photograph and the home address of the offender to Access Indiana for Internet posting, the Institute would be required to enhance its existing database in which it stores sex offender information. The specific cost is currently indeterminable and could possibly require the help of outside contractors. Although the enhancement of the Institute's database could possibly require certain contractual expenses, the scanning of photographs for incorporation into the Institute's database would be less expensive and could likely be accomplished with a basic office printer/scanner/copier.

*Background:* The Institute reports that, currently, there are approximately 11,000 entries on the Registry.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** (Revised) *Local Registration*- Local law enforcement agencies could experience a minimal increase in administrative expenses due to this provision of the bill. The specific effects are currently indeterminable, and would vary between local law enforcement agencies.

*Background*- Under current Indiana law, local law enforcement agencies are required to report sex offender registrations to the Institute for dissemination to the public via Access Indiana. (In addition, the Institute makes available paper copies of the Registry to the following entities: 1) school corporations; 2) nonpublic schools; 3) various state agencies; and 4) certain child care facilities.)

Local law enforcement agencies would be required to submit a photograph of an offender (at the cost of the offender) to the Institute for later dissemination.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Criminal Justice Institute.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Law Enforcement Agencies.

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